Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is conducting its 103rd year of volunteer service to America; and,

Whereas, Year after year these auxiliaries continue to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and sharing their history with our nation's youth so that what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and,

Whereas, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary supports all soldiers currently deployed overseas; and,

Whereas, Their membership represents the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and,

Whereas, Post and Auxiliary Members donate nearly one million volunteer hours taking care of our heroes in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout this country; and,

Whereas, They have a legacy of working with and including our youth; and,

Whereas, The fourth annual "Celebrating American's Freedom Event" will be held at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota to honor all members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary for their outstanding volunteer service to veterans and their families and our great county:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2016, as

CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOM DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State